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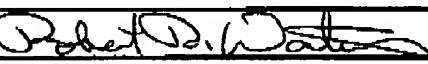
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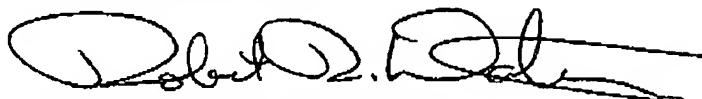
In the Office Action mailed February 14, 2005, Examiner Huynh has stated a restriction requirement pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121. In response, the applicant provisionally elects subgroup I as identified by the Examiner, and specifically claims 1 through 40 which are drawn to an apparatus and method for filling a syringe.

Also in the Office Action mailed February 14, 2005, Examiner Huynh has defined four species depicted in the drawings of the application. The applicant provisionally elects Species I as depicted in Fig. 1. Originally submitted claims readable upon Species I, as depicted in Fig. 1,

include claims 1 through 9, 13 through 17, 27, 39, and 40.

Having responded appropriately and in full to the Office Action, the Applicant respectfully requests advancement of the elected claims to full examination.

Respectfully submitted,



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